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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Lewis Donzis et al.	§	Art Unit:	2155
Serial No.:	09/714,082	§		
Filed:	November 16, 2000	§	Examiner:	David R. Lazaro
For:	Detecting If a Secure Link is Alive	§	Atty. Dkt. No.:	NRB.0006US (12514RXUS02U)

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 14, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

Date of Deposit: <u>March 14, 2005</u>
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